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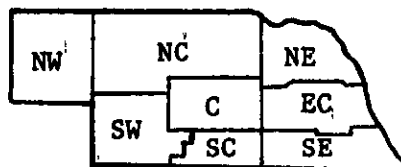
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WEATHER

Although most of the week showed daytime high temperatures to be above normal, temperatures averaged out near normal due to rather chilly nights. Precipitation was widespread across the State with all the moisture being received at the beginning of the week.

GENERAL

Harvesting was delayed early in the week due to snow and rain over much of the State but good progress was made during the rest of the week. An average of 5.3 days were suitable for fieldwork.

Topsoil moisture supplies improved during the week and were rated as surplus in 1% of the counties, adequate in 31%, and short in 68%. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated as 32% adequate and 68% short. A year ago, topsoil moisture supplies were rated as 37% adequate and 63% short. Subsoil moisture was rated 40% adequate and 60% short.

Supplies of diesel fuel and gasoline were rated as 90% adequate and 10% tight. LP gas supplies were rated as 100% adequate.

CROPS

Harvesting of the corn crop was 50% completed compared with 70% last year and 60% normal. Some ear droppage was reported in southern and eastern counties due to high winds and European corn borer damage.

Sorghum harvest was 75% completed compared with 85% last year and 80% normal. Wet snow and winds downed part of the unharvested crop in eastern Nebraska and many farmers are using pickup attachments for harvesting this grain.

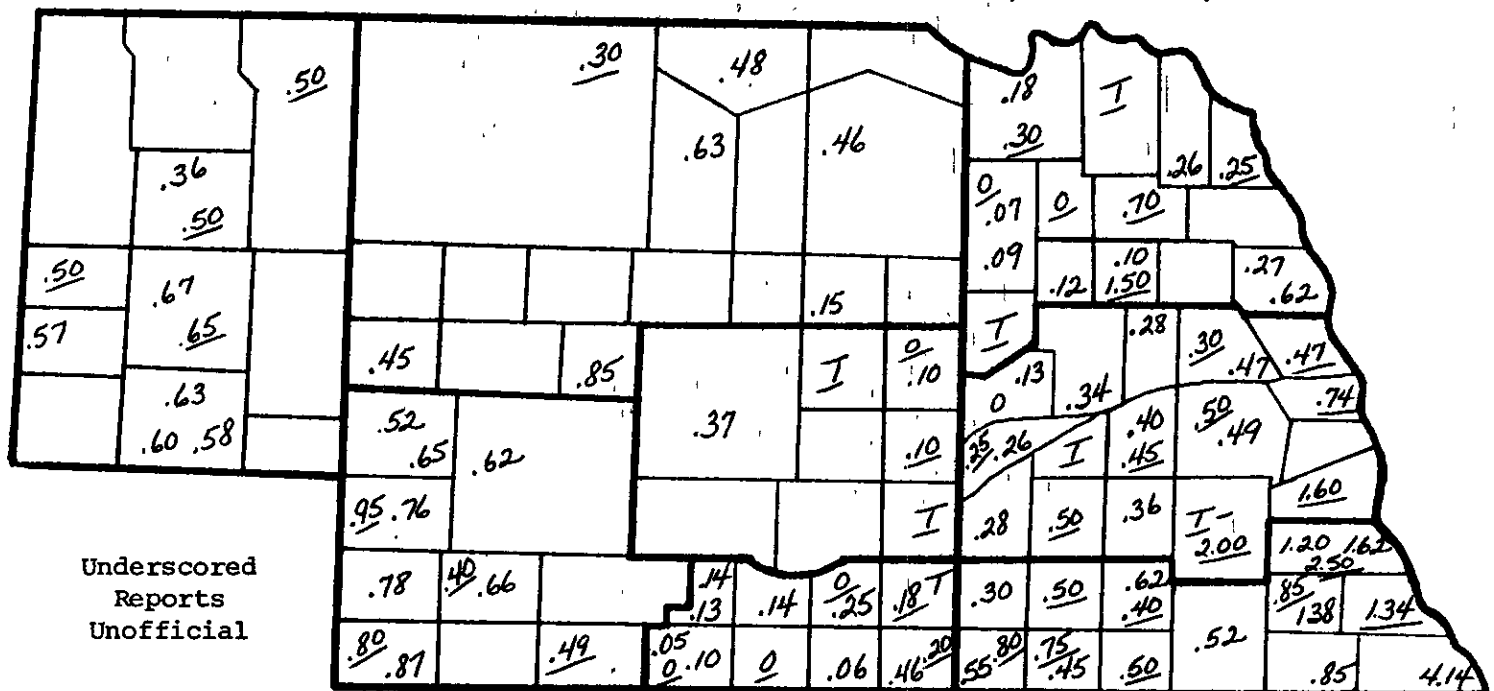
Soybean harvest was virtually completed, ahead of last year's 95% and the normal of 85%.

Winter wheat condition showed some improvement during the week and was rated good in 18% of the counties, fair in 54%, and poor in 28%. Rain and snow early in the week were beneficial to the crop.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies were rated as surplus in 2% of the counties, adequate in 54%, and short in 44%. Increasing numbers of cattle are being turned into stalk fields as harvesting is being completed. Calves are being weaned and moving to market.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1979



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1979

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	75	28	50	--	0
	Scottsbluff	78	28	51	+5	0
	Sidney	74	26	49	--	0
NC	Burwell	77	19	46	--	.10
	Valentine	81	22	48	+2	0
NE	Norfolk	73	26	47	-1	.10
	Sioux City	73	26	46	-3	.22
CEN	Grand Island	74	26	49	-1	.13
EC	Lincoln	75	29	44	-7	.44
	Omaha	69	27	48	-2	.56
SW	Imperial	80	29	50	--	0
	North Platte	85	28	52	+5	0

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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